



DRAFT MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Rep. Marc K. Roberts, Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Suzanne Harrison
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Karen Kwan

Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and welcomed Rep. Marc K. Roberts as the newly appointed House chair of the committee.

MOTION:

Chair Thatcher explained that the committee was unable to take action at its last meeting regarding the government use of facial recognition technology because a quorum was not present. Rep. Seegmiller moved to open a bill file addressing the government use of facial recognition technology. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION:

Sen. Iwamoto moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Harrison
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard
Sen. T. Weiler

2 . Congressional Vacancies Draft Legislation[2a - 2020 Draft Legislation "Congressional Vacancies Amendments"](#)

Thomas Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented draft legislation, "Congressional Vacancies Amendments," which amends processes for filling congressional vacancies.

Rep. Harrison asked about whether the draft legislation requires the Legislature to nominate individuals to temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator from the same political party as the individual who vacated the office. The committee discussed the question and postponed voting on the draft legislation until later in the meeting after an amendment could be prepared and presented.

The committee continued to discuss timelines and temporary appointment processes provided in the draft legislation.

3 . Draft Legislation "Election and Campaign Amendments"[3a - 2020 Draft Legislation "Election and Campaign Amendments"](#)

Thomas Vaughn presented draft legislation, "Election and Campaign Amendments," which addresses technical changes to the code regarding elections and political campaigns.

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moved to amend draft legislation "Election and Campaign Amendments" on lines 26 and 2724 by deleting the term "independent" and inserting the term "unaffiliated" in its place. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Andersen
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Rep. S. Harrison
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Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Roberts
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Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

Derek Brenchley, Deputy Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, responded to questions from the committee regarding the distribution of candidate filing fees.



MOTION: Rep. Roberts moved to recommend as a committee bill draft legislation, "Election and Campaign Amendments," as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Andersen
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Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Stoddard

4 . Required Reports: Boards and Commissions

[4a - Executive Boards and Commissions 2019 Survey Summary](#)

[4b - Executive Boards and Commissions 2019 Survey Responses](#)

[4c - Report Cover Letter from Director, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel](#)

[4d - 2019 Legislative Boards and Commissions, Summary Report to Legislature](#)

[4e - Legislative Boards and Commissions 2019 Individual Report Responses](#)

Brian Bean, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, introduced the issue and discussed how the required reports could impact the committee's draft legislation.

Duncan Evans, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, discussed the process of requesting and collecting reports from executive boards and commissions and responded to a question from the committee.

Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, relayed recommendations from the executive branch regarding boards and commissions that should not be repealed.

5 . Executive Boards and Commissions

[5a - Outline for Draft Legislation](#)

[5b - Executive Boards and Commissions, Considerations for Draft Legislation](#)

[5c - Governor's Input, October 2019](#)

Brian Bean discussed an outline for the committee's draft legislation, "Executive Boards and Commissions Amendments," including discussing entities that would be repealed, receive a sunset date, or otherwise be amended by the draft legislation. Committee discussion ensued.

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to remove the Women in the Economy Commission from the list of boards to repeal.
The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. V. Peterson
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MOTION:

Rep. Seegmiller moved to approve the Outline for Draft Legislation provided by staff with an amendment to remove the following from the list of boards to repeal and place them on the list of boards that will receive a sunset date: (1) the Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council, (2) the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee, (3) the State Weed Committee, and (4) the Women in the Economy Commission. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

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Nays-0Absent-3

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Tim Funk, Crossroads Urban Center, spoke in opposition to repealing the Committee of Consumer Services.

MOTION:

Sen. Iwamoto moved that the Committee on Consumer Services be removed from the list of boards to repeal and placed on the list of boards that will receive a sunset date.
The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

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Nays-0Absent-3

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6 . Congressional Vacancies Draft Legislation

Thomas Vaughn reviewed a proposed amendment to draft legislation "Congressional Vacancies Amendments" regarding the Legislature's nomination of individuals to temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator.



MOTION: Rep. Roberts moved to amend draft legislation "Congressional Vacancies Amendments" by striking lines 90-93 and replacing them with: "(4)(a) The governor shall appoint an individual to temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States senator from one of three individuals nominated by the Legislature, each of whom is a member of the political party of which the officeholder was a member at the time the officeholder was elected." The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

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Rep. K. Kwan
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Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. V. Peterson
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MOTION: Chair Roberts moved to recommend as a committee bill draft legislation "Congressional Vacancies Amendments" as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

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Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Ipson
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MOTION: Chair Roberts moved to recommend as a committee bill draft resolution, "Joint Rules Resolution - United States Senate Vacancy." The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

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Nays-0Absent-4

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7 . Local Government Prescription Drug Disposal

Rep. Erik K. Hutchings proposed a statewide prescription drug disposal program modeled after a program implemented in Riverton City.

Trent Staggs, Mayor, Riverton City, discussed the success of the drug disposal program implemented in Riverton in partnership with Intermountain Healthcare.

Nathan Peterson, Intermountain Healthcare, discussed Intermountain Healthcare's partnership with Riverton City to implement a drug disposal program to address the opioid epidemic.

Leland Myers, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Water Quality Council, encouraged the proper disposal of medication in order to prevent the medication from polluting the water supply through wastewater.

Sen. Evan J. Vickers commented on the security of pharmaceutical disposal drop boxes.

MOTION: Sen. Iwamoto moved to open two separate bill files to (1) facilitate the statewide implementation of an on-site pharmaceutical destruction program, and (2) address water quality issues associated with improper pharmaceutical disposal, including addressing public education. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-11

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Rep. M. Roberts
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-1

Rep. T. Seegmiller

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
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8 . GRAMA Excessive Requesters

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, discussed concerns regarding and possible solutions to address excessive records requests under the Government Records Access and Management Act.

9 . Petition Administration

Rep. Brady Brammer proposed amendments to streamline petition administration processes.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to open bill file to address petition administration processes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

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Rep. T. Seegmiller
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
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10 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.



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Rep. T. Seegmiller
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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

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Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.